

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Coach Henry W. Bowles
and his lifetime of coaching accomplishments.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in specially recognizing and paying tribute to those coaches who, through their many years of expertise and success, have earned a prominent place in Tennessee sports history; and

WHEREAS, Henry W. Bowles is one such estimable educator, who has taught and coached at Howard High School for 39 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowles has served as the Howard High School basketball head coach for 29 years and has amassed an amazing record of 616 wins and 260 losses; and

WHEREAS, during his 29 year career, Coach Bowles has orchestrated 17 TSSAA State Tournament appearances, 26 winning seasons, four seasons with 30 wins or more, 14 TSSAA District Championships, 10 TSSAA Regional Championships, and two TSSAA State Runner-Up Titles; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Bowles' leadership, the Howard High School basketball team won 62 consecutive district games and advanced to the TSSAA District Finals for five consecutive years; Coach Bowles also had two amazing three-year streaks in which the Howard High School basketball team advanced to the TSSAA State Tournament a grand total of six times; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Coach Bowles was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame in 1997; he has been named Coach of the Year by the League/District 13 times, the Chattanooga News Free Press seven times, and the Chattanooga Times five times; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his remarkable coaching abilities, high moral character, and commitment to integrity, Coach Bowles received the Afro American Museum's Citizen of the Year Award in 1984, and he was the first recipient of the T. R. Gaston and J. L. Pitts Award in 1998; he received the TSSAA Distinguished Service Recognition in 1989 and the Chattanooga Old Timers Award in 1994; and

WHEREAS, by weathering many changes in the game of basketball, Coach Henry Bowles has become a basketball icon in Tennessee throughout his many years of coaching, he is renowned for his work ethic, knowledge of the game, and caring attitude toward his players; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Henry Bowles is most thankful for the love and support he shares with his wife, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bowles represents the ideal of a caring mentor, diligent worker, and exceptional coach; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute and recognize Mr. Bowles for his many years of coaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Henry W. Bowles of Howard High School on his many years of estimable leadership of Tennessee's youth, applaud his dedication to Tennessee athletics, and wish him success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.